

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. MCDOWELL**

*Re: Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service  
(MB Docket No. 87-268)*

Through this Further Notice, we begin the final stage of the transition of broadcasters to digital television. The Notice proposes a new DTV Table of Allotments, taking the seventh and final step to complete the DTV channel election process.

As we embark on this final step, I want to commend the staffs of the Media Bureau and the Office of Engineering and Technology for their diligent work on this and other digital transition issues. I support the Further Notice and commend the Chairman on his leadership in this area.